# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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Assistance to Endosulfan Victims
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has noticed the recent Supreme Court Judgment for the assistance to endosulfan victims of the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to insist the endosulfan producers to abide the court order;

(c) whether the Government will take strict action to make sure that the dreaded/highly toxic chemicals will not be produced in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): The Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 10.01.2017 in W.P. (Civil) No. 213 of 2011 filed by Democratic Youth Federation of India v. Union of India & Ors. directed the State Governments, to release the entire undisbursed payment of compensation, quantified as Rs.5 lakhs each, to all the affected persons, within three months. However, it shall be open to the State Government to recover the aforestated compensation either from the concerned industry or from the Government of India, in case it is open to the State Governments to make such recovery, in consonance with law.

(c) & (d): The Insecticides Act, 1968 has been enacted to regulate the import, manufacture, sale, transport, distribution and use of insecticides with a view to prevent risk to human beings or animals, and for matters connected therewith. As per provision under Section 5 of the Act, the Government has constituted Registration Committee (RC). The Committee registers pesticides for manufacture/import/sale for use in the country after evaluating its safety to human health and environment. Further, technical reviews of registered pesticide/insecticide are being conducted regularly to evaluate its impact for their continued use. Based on which, the Central Government has banned/restricted certain pesticides/insecticides for use in the country. The details are at Annexure I. Moreover, the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has issued a Notification S.O.4212 (E) dated 15th December, 2016, inviting objections and suggestions from the stakeholders on completely banning of 12 pesticides/insecticides and phasing out of 6 pesticides/insecticides. In addition, in compliance to the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in W.P. (Civil) No. 213 of 2011 filed by Democratic Youth Federation of India v. UOI & Ors., thereto imposing ban on use of endosulfan pesticide in India, the Registration Committee has stopped granting registration for import/manufacture of any technical and formulation product containing endosulfan insecticide.